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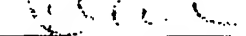
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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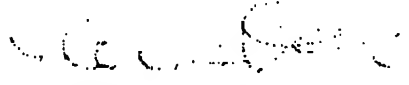
Sir:

In response to the new restriction requirement of September 30, 2004, Applicant hereby elects species B. Claims 11-17 and 21-23 read on species B, with claims 11-13, 16, 17, and 21-23 being generic to both species A and B. No claims are specifically restricted to species A, because none are mutually exclusive of the embodiment of species B. MPEP 806.04(f) ("Claims to be restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive ... [i.e.,] recite the mutually exclusive characteristics of such species.") In other words, there are no claims drawn to a computer communication system that cannot be an electronic blasting system. For example, claims 11, 21, 22, and 23 cannot be said to be restricted to species A, because then it would be impossible for claims 14, 15, 24, and 25 (specifically directed to species B) to depend from them.

With respect to the portion of the restriction requirement of June 11, 2004 regarding groups I and II, it is noted that traversal thereof in Applicant's July 12, 2004 response was not addressed in this new restriction requirement. It is respectfully requested that the traversal of that portion of the June 11, 2004 restriction be considered and addressed. (Alternately, if that traversal was not addressed because the new restriction requirement was intended to replace the first restriction requirement in its entirety, please reinstate withdrawn claims 1-7).

Respectfully submitted,

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